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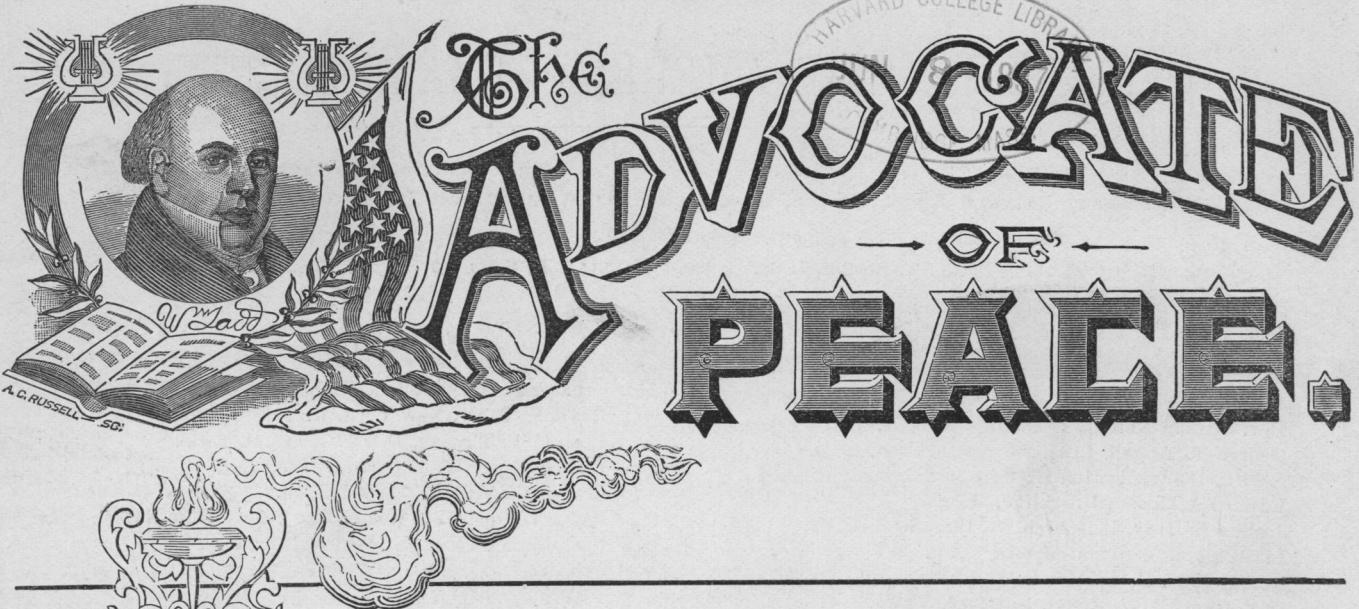
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AND might we not further appeal to the history of our own beloved country, acting in its confederated and national capacity? The policy of the United States, since the acknowledgment of our independence by England, has been essentially, and in a very marked degree, *Pacific*. It must be very obvious to any one who has studied the history of our country, that our rulers have based their expectations of success in their external policy, not so much upon our military power, as upon the just and equitable principles which they have endeavored to infuse into that policy. Our national expenditures for military and naval purpose, compared with those of other nations of the same amount of population, are exceedingly small. And yet the United States have ever received, in their intercourse with foreign nations, their full share of respect and confidence; they have indeed, sometimes, owing chiefly to the peculiarly disturbed state of Europe, suffered great and unmerited injuries; but they have seldom failed, in the end, of obtaining ample redress. We certainly hazard nothing in saying that they would not be more respected, happy, successful, or better treated, if their policy were of a more martial and belligerent cast.

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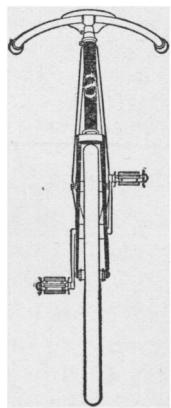
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THE DISGRACE OF THE NATION.

The Arbitration Treaty was rejected by the Senate on the 5th of May, and the nation thereby self-humiliated and disgraced before the world. But it is useless to rail about what cannot for the time being be changed. One is justified, however, in following the example of Michael, the archangel, in his dispute with the Devil about the body of Moses, and in saying, The Lord rebuke thee, O Senate!

It is in nowise easy to make a clear statement of the causes which brought about the defeat of the treaty. This might be done, if one could have turned some psychical kinetoscope upon the minds of the Senators during the long four months while the document was undergoing their interminable "punching"; but for want of pictures of their mental movements no complete statement of reasons can be given.

The vote shows that the silver question furnished the chief ground of opposition. This reason was not put prominently forward, but it silently did its work. Of the thirty Senators whose votes are recorded against the treaty, including four who were paired, twenty-five, or five-sixths of them, were silver men. Some of these made no speeches. No remarks of theirs are anywhere recorded. But their votes weighed just as heavy as those of the eternal talker and the speech-making hair-splitters.

The silver dislike of Great Britain was only one phase of the general dislike and distrust of that country, which was the ostensible reason for the rejection of the treaty. The untrustworthiness of Great Britain, the trickiness of her diplomacy, the aggressiveness of her colonial policy, were incessantly worked in the Senate for all there was in them. She had sought this treaty that she might tie our hands and then do as she pleased. This position of the leading Senators who opposed the agreement would be infinitely funny if it were not so pitifully stupid. The Olney-Pauncefote treaty was of our own seeking much more than of Great Britain's. None of these Senators seemed to have the faintest notion that the movement in England for arbitration came, not from the Government except by necessity after long ignoring of the subject, but from the masses of the people, the sincere friends of peace and good understanding, most of whom are as much ashamed of English diplomacy, in its selfish and unfeeling aspects, as we in America are astonished and indignant at it. The impossibility of Great Britain's tying our hands by the treaty and keeping her own perfectly free seems never to have occurred to these sage Senatorial heads. Their trembling eyes were on the British scare-crow which their own imaginations had set up, and they could see nothing else.

Another reason that operated, though somewhat in the dark, was dislike of Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney. But this reason seems to have influenced a number of the Senators who were really in favor of such a convention as much as it did its open enemies. In no other way can we fully account for the intense dislike of the treaty in its original form and the eagerness with which it was cut